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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV REACTION TO NATO

MANEUVERS IN ADRIATIC

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1. THE USS WILLIAM V. PRATT'S VISIT TO DUBROVNIK NOV-
EMBER 13-18 OVERLAPPED WITH NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE
"DUTY FAN" IN ADRIATIC WHICH DREW GOY DEMARCHE
NOVEMBER 15. THE SHIP VISIT ITSELF WAS COMPLETELY
UNAFFECTED BY THE DEMARCHE. YUGOSLAV
CONTACTS IN DUBROVNIK WERE VERY WARM AND FRIENDLY.
THE DEMARCHE WAS BROACHED TO
NAVAL ATTACHE THE FIRST TIME BY
BELGRADE FLS NAVAL OFFICER AS
PRATT WAS DEPARTING HARBOR.
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NAVAL ATTACHE KNEW ABOUT DEMARCHE AND

LATTER RESPONDED THAT
HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF US SHIPS
OPERATING IN THE ADRIATIC AT THE
TIME BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE ADRIATIC IS
INTERNATIONAL WATER AND OPEN TO ALL SHIPS.
FLS OFFICER REMARKED THAT US NAVAL MEANEUVERS
IN THE ADRIATIC COULD PROVOKE SIMILAR
MANEUVERS BY "THE OTHER SIDE."

2. DALMATIAN NEWSPAPERS DID NOT CARRY USUAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISIT BUT DID REPORT DEMARCHE. VERY
SMALL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE
VISIT APPEARED IN BELGRADE'S POLITIKA
AND ZAGREB'S VJESNIK, HOWEVER.

3. AFTER FIRST CRITICAL ARTICLES (REPORTED REFTTEL), THERE WAS ON
MEDIA COVERAGE HERE ON MANEUVERS OR DEMARCHE
UNTIL EXPECTED ARTICLE APPEARED IN MILITARY
WEEKLY NARODNA ARMIJA
NOV 21 AND DAILIES PICKED UP ENGLISH TANJUG REPORT
ON AN ALBANIAN EDITORIAL.
NARODNA ARMIJA PIECE, ENTITLED NEW DARK
IMAGES, RECALLED LAST SPRING'S NATO EXERCISE
DARK IMAGE, AND RESTATED POINT IN
DEMARCHE THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS COMPLAINING IN ORDER
PREVENT ADRIATIC FROM BECOMING
MILITARY BLOC EXERCISE RANGE. IT PLEDGED YUGOSLAVS
WILL REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST EVERY EVENTUALITY AND
WILL CONTINUE OPPOSE MANEUVERS IN ADRIATIC BECAUSE
THEIR PURPOSE IS NOT PEACEFUL.
EDIT IN ALBANIAN PARTY PAPER ZEIRI I POPULLIT REPORTEDLY CONDEMNED
NATO MANEUVERS IN TERMS, EG., AS
DEMONSTRATION OF POWER,
BLACKMAIL, ATTEMPT TO FRIEGHTEN PEOPLES OF SOVEREIGN
COUNTRIES IN REGION, ETC. REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT "DISAGREES"
WITH SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN MEDITERRANEAN.
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